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FROM: November, 1958

TO:

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Summary of the November 1958 Monthly Narrative Report
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

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WEATHER:	[illegible], maximum [illegible]°, minimum [illegible]°, precipitation 1.[illegible] inches	1
RANGE:	Critical range [illegible] cover	1
TRAVEL:	Recorded partially by self-registry & partly by actual count. Travel for season down 9.[illegible]	1
INSPECTIONS:	Allen Huebner, Edward Ot[illegible], [illegible] Barr, Bruce Cassell, John Ronsc[illegible], [illegible] Brown returned to WODC, San Francisco; field in on 12th out on 19th	1-2
VISITOR:	Listed	2
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:	Kittams to Glacier; Garrison & Joffe to Livingston, [illegible] broke leg, [illegible] administrative officer; Joffe to Great Falls; Garrison & Rowe met Yellowstone Gateways Ass'n. representatives, Mrs. [illegible] broke arm; Garrison & Condon to Cheyenne, Big Hole BNM closed for winter; Brown & Condon drafted policy for Advisory Committee on boating; Garrison & Joffe attend Dude Ranchers Ass'n. Convention in Missoula; discussion on proposed management of national parks & MISSION 66 prospectus; new rental rates; Garrison to Washington; discussion on weights & speed limitation for new bridges; Turner in Washington; negotiations for renewal of Medical Service contract; Huds Amateur Ski Instructor, 1 deputy Ranger appts.	2-3
PERSONNEL:	Summers converted to cc appt., subject to furlough; Hovig promoted; Hughes & Ingamson to NPS Training Center, Yosemite	3-4
IN-SERVICE TRAINING:	Ranger Burns to Custer Battlefield NM in December	4
MISCELLANEOUS:	[illegible] and [illegible] hold regular monthly meetings	[illegible]

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DEATHS:	Mother of William Biastoch	4
ACCIDENTS & PUBLIC SAFETY:	Tort claim of $2,000 paid Eslinger; 3 auto accidents; 1 involved NPS employee	4
PUBLICITY:	Weekly news issued, two press releases issued	4-5
CHAPEL USE:	Regular Protestant services and school	5
MUSEUM ACTIVITIES & EXHIBITS:	Forty persons visited Mammoth Visitor Center	5
MAINTENANCE:	Roads plowed to Lake, Cooke City, east entrance; routine maintenance on buildings & utilities	5
COMPLAINTS:	[illegible] answered	5
PROTECTION & RANGER SERVICE:	Boundary patrols; normal winter activities	5
LAW ENFORCEMENT:	3 apprehended for illegally killing elk	5
FOREST FIRE PROTECTION	1968 Fire Atlas being prepared; fire fighting equipment returned to Missoula	5
ANTELOPE:	Herded in northern part of park	6
BALD EAGLE:	Seen along Madison River; 3 in Hayden Valley	5
BEAR:	1 Norris-Canyon road; 1 near petrified tree; 2 in Upper Geyser Basin	6
BISON:	Observed Lower Geyser Basin, Old Faithful area, along Madison River, 140 in Hellroaring, Code Butte	6
COYOTE:	Running in packs	6
DEER:	None observed	6
ELK:	Moving out of park in south and west areas	6
FISH:	Fish screen installed in Aquer Lake	6
FOX:	1 observed at Elk Creek	6

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HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE:	Covey of 8 observed at Yellowstone River bridge	6
MOOSE:	Observed near Soda Butte	6
SHEEP:	Noticed in northern part of Park	6
SWAN:	93 observed; 21 on Goose Lake, [illegible] Trout Creek, [illegible] Valley, 20 Yellowstone Lake outlet; 9 Three Mile campground area	6

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December 15, 1958

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Superintendent

Subject: Monthly Report for November 1958

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of November 1958:

General

Weather. The weather was exceptionally warm during the first ten days of the month and snowfall at Mammoth headquarters was quite light. Precipitation was recorded on 18 days which brought the moisture content higher than average. Minimum temperature recorded was 3 degrees, maximum 53 degrees, precipitation 1.46 inches. The highest temperature ever recorded at Mammoth during November was 66 degrees in 1927.

All roads were officially closed to public travel by snow on November 15 with the exception of North Entrance to Cooke City.

Range. Critical range and non-critical portions of the range were free of snow or had a thin cover which did not hamper foraging.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Travel totaling 1,220 motor vehicles, carrying 4,160 visitors was recorded partially by self-registry and partially by actual count. This is compared to 578 vehicles with 1,972 visitors for November 1957, an increase of 111 per cent. Travel to date totaled 1,442,016 compared to 1,595,665 through November 1957, a decrease of 9.6 per cent.

Inspections. Allen Huebner, Project Supervisor, WODC, who has been assigned to Yellowstone this summer returned to San Francisco on November 7. Engineers Edward Otake, Eugene B. Karr, Bruce Cassell and Landscape Architect John Ronscavage, who have been in Yellowstone during the summer returned to the San Francisco Office. Mr. Frank L. Brown, Construction Representative from WODC, who has been assigned to Yellowstone since April 13, left November 13 for his headquarters in San Francisco.

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Mr. Ernest K. Field, Forester, Region Two Office, arrived in the Park November 12 and remained until November 19. He had several conferences with the Yellowstone Advisory Boating Committee.

Special Visitor. Mr. Vernon B. Appling, former ranger in Yellowstone and now serving at Coulee Dam NRA, visited the Park.

Special Activities. Biologist Kittams was in Glacier National Park on wildlife matters from November 2 to 4.

Superintendent Garrison and Management Assistant Joffe went to Livingston on November 3 to attend a meeting of the Rotary Club.

At home, after the regular monthly meeting of the National Federation of Federal Employees Local [illegible], November 3, Ernest R. I. Anderson fell and fractured his right leg just above the knee. As a result, he will be confined to his home for [illegible] months or longer. Supervisory Accountant Ellis E. Gabbert is Acting Administrative Officer during his absence.

Management Assistant Joffe traveled to Bozeman, Helena and Great Falls on November 5 to meet with Chambers of Commerce and representatives on promotion of travel and public relations work.

Superintendent Garrison and Park Engineer Rowe met with the Yellowstone Gateways Association representatives in Mammoth on November 5 to discuss protection against increasing facilities in the Park, advertising by concessioners, and other matters pertaining to restraint of accommodations within the Park.

On November 7, Mrs. Anne Gott, Secretary to the Superintendent, fell on the ice near the Administration Building and broke her arm.

Superintendent Garrison and Chief Park Naturalist Condon went to Cheyenne on public relations work and gave talks to various civic organizations and schools. They were gone from November 10 through 14.

Big Hole Battlefield National Monument was officially closed on November 16. Ranger-In-Charge, Robert L. Burns returned to Mammoth headquarters where he will remain during the winter months. Tentative plans are that he will return to the Monument early in May.

Chief Park Ranger Brown and Chief Park Naturalist Condon drafted and presented a proposed policy for the Advisory Committee on Boating. This tentative policy was accepted by the Advisory and Working Committee on Boating on November 18. The policy outlines the use of lakes in Yellowstone.

The 33rd annual Dude Ranchers Association Convention was held in Missoula, Montana on November 20-22. Superintendent Garrison and Management Assistant Joffe attended this convention.

A meeting was held November 24 in Mr. Garrison's office to discuss proposed organization patterns for management of national parks and proposed integration of Master Plan outlined in MISSION 66 prospectus.

The new Quarters Rental rates went into effect November 30.

Superintendent Garrison flew to Washington, D. C. on November 30 to attend the National Park Service Management Development Program. He expects to return to the Park on December 7.

National Park Service officials and representatives of Park concessioners met to discuss possible weight and speed limitations over the new bridges in the Park for the coming season.

Supply Officer Turner continued his assignment in the Washington, D. C. office throughout the month, working on the Property Management Manual.

Negotiations are underway with the Park Medical Service officials in connection with the renewal of the Medical Service Contract which expires December 31, 1958.

Park Ranger Dale H. Nuss recently received a classification of Amateur Ski Instructor from the Rocky Mountain Ski Association.

Two members of the Montana State Highway Patrol staff, received Deputy Park Ranger appointments (without compensation) effective November 20. They will work in conjunction with Park Rangers on traffic violations and law enforcement problems on Montana highways which extend into various sections of Yellowstone National Park. One other member received Deputy Park Ranger status (without compensation) effective October 27.

Administration

Personnel. Harriet I. Summers, conversion to career-conditional appointment, subject to furlough, seasonal Accounts Maintenance Clerk, GS-3, effective November 3.

Lawrence J. Hovig, promotion, Property and Supply Clerk, GS-4, effective November 10.

Two Yellowstone employees have been selected to attend the fourth session of the National Park Service Training Center in Yosemite National Park, February 4, 1959. John M. Hughes, Park Ranger, and John H. Ingmanson, curator.

In-Service Training. Ranger Robert L. Burns has been selected to serve as Acting Superintendent on a temporary assignment to Custer Battlefield National Monument beginning December 15.

Miscellaneous: The National Federation of Federal Employees Local 465, regular monthly meeting was held November 3.

The American Federation of Government Employees held a regular monthly meeting November 10.

The Cub Scout Pack meeting was held November 24.

All roads in the Park were closed to unofficial travel except the road from North Entrance to Cooke City on November 15.

Death. Mrs. Martha Biastoch, 64, mother of Property Management Assistant, William Biastoch, died in Livingston on November 5. Mrs. Biastoch is survived by her husband, Herman, who for many years was employed by the National Park Service as Plumber Foreman in Yellowstone.

Accidents and Public Safety. A tort claim was paid from the 1959 fiscal year Management & Protection funds in the amount of $2,000. Velma N. Esling v. United States, Civil No. 7812, and Eugene D. Esling v. United States, Civil No. 7813, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Western Division. This claim resulted from a bear bite which occurred on or about July 31, 1956.

A total of 9 automobile accidents involving 6 vehicles was reported. One accident involved a National Park Service employee driving a government vehicle and a private passenger car. The collision occurred near Virginia Cascades on the Norris Cutoff on November 5, in the morning.

Cooperative Activities

Publicity. On each Thursday, the Yellowstone Weekly Press was issued to keep employees, concessioners and others currently informed of Park happenings.

Two press releases were issued during the month: one on November 6 announced the closing of Big Hole Battlefield National Monument for the 1958 season. Ranger-In-Charge Robert L. Burns, the first permanent National Park Ranger to be appointed to Big Hole, returned to Mammoth headquarters for the winter months and will return to the Monument early in May.

Another press release was issued on November 26 announcing the Management Plan for the 9,000 northern elk herd here in Yellowstone. Efforts are being exerted to reduce the herd to 5,000.

Religious and Chapel Use. The Yellowstone National Park Chapel was used for regular church school services each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Protestant services, conducted by Reverend Jack A. Jennings, were held each Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. Routine work was carried on during the month. Forty persons visited the Mammoth Visitor Center during November.

Maintenance. Snow removal in the Park was slightly heavier than normal during the month because of the necessity of completing several projects in the interior of the Park. Several trips were made to Lake, Cooke City and West Entrance.

The road crew installed snow fences, filled sand boxes and necessary routine road maintenance.

The heating system for the Ranger Station at Northeast Entrance was converted from coal to oil burning.

Several old buildings were removed during the month, including the coal shed at Mammoth, Dunraven Pass patrol cabin, Cub Creek patrol cabin, mess house at Lake Eleanor road camp, and three small buildings at Lamar Ranger Station.

The cleaning of hot pools and springs was completed at Old Faithful, West Thumb, Potts Basin, Dragons Mouth, Norris and Mammoth.

Complaints. Two complaint letters were answered, one pertaining to reduction of wages and the other relative to the price of food.

Protection and Ranger Service. Much time was devoted to boundary patrols, investigation of accidents, apprehension of persons illegally hunting, and general routine work

Law Enforcement. William D. Stevens and Bernard Platt of Bozeman, Montana, and Ted W. Shafer, Hamilton, Montana, were apprehended by Sub-District Ranger Fraser for illegally killing a cow and calf elk on Fir Ridge in the Park on November 29. Their hearing before the U. S. Commissioner is scheduled for December 1.

Forest Fire Protection. The reports for the 1958 Fire Atlas are being written. All Forest Service smokejumper gear has been returned to Missoula parachute loft. An inventory of all fire fighting equipment has been taken. Losses for the past fire season were quite heavy due to remote locations of all fires.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. ANTELOPE. Small bands have been observed in the vicinity of the North Entrance.

BALD EAGLE. One bird was seen along the Madison River, and two were observed in Hayden Valley.

BEAR. One bear was observed along the Norris-Canyon road and one near the Petrified Tree road on November 10. Two black bears were observed in a natural hole in the side of the hill opposite Gem Pool in the Upper Geyser Basin on November 28.

BISON. Herds have been appearing in the regular winter grazing grounds. Several have been observed in the Lower Geyser Basin, Old Faithful area, along the Madison River, and 140 were counted on Hellroaring slopes. Several bulls have been seen in the Soda Butte area.

COYOTE. Coyotes have been running in packs. The coyote population is increasing.

DEER. Deer have not been observed.

ELK. Elk have been moving out of the Park along the south and west boundaries.

FISH. District Park Ranger Edwards was accompanied by Drs. Benson and Buckley and installed a fish screen in Squaw Lake on November 13. Due to the lateness of the season and the temperature of the lake which was 33 degrees on that date, proposed poisoning was delayed until spring.

FOX. One was observed at Elk Creek on the 8th.

HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE. A covey of eight was observed at Yellowstone River bridge on the 11th.

MOOSE. On several occasions moose have been observed near Soda Butte.

SHEEP. Several rams and ewes have been observed along the northern boundary of the Park during the month.

SWAN. Ninety-three have been observed throughout the Park during the month: 21 on Goose Lake, 6 in Trout Creek area, 37 in Hayden Valley, 20 at the Lake outlet and 9 in the Three Mile campground area.

(Sgd) LEMUEL A. GARRISON

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Superintendent

In triplicate

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